

NEPALESE REQUEST FOR AID

New Delhi, Jan. 10.
Premier Koirala of Nepal left here today after holding a series of talks with Indian political leaders.

He was accompanied by his Ministers of the Interior and Defence.

Although no communiqué was published after the talks, a well-informed source stated that the Premier had asked India for financial aid to develop in particular his country's airfields, roads and electric plants.

It is understood India listened with sympathy but made no definite promises.

It would seem also that the conversations dealt with the defence of Nepal in view of the situation arising out of the invasion of Tibet by Communist China.

Nepal is said to fear the loss of many privileges she had hitherto enjoyed in Tibetan territory.

It is stressed here that in any case Nepal is not in a position to defend her Northern frontier which is long and poorly defended.

A Nepalese source stated that Communist influence in Nepal had lately increased considerably and had given rise to strong anti-Indian feeling to the extent that India may feel it necessary to renew her ties with Nepal.—France-Press.

Recognizes Libya

Copenhagen, Jan. 10.
Denmark today decided to recognize Libya as a sovereign State.—Reuter.

U. S. GIRL WEDS EX-PRIEST



Luciano Negrini, 44-year-old unfrocked Italian priest and a former China missionary, and 21-year-old Claire Young from Chicago, who ran away from home and renounced her citizenship to stay in Italy, photographed after their civil marriage in Milan. Negrini, since his excommunication, has been peddling neckties while his bride has been selling nylons from door to door.—London Express Photo.

ENVOY AT THE FOREIGN OFFICE

London, Jan. 10.

The Marquis of Reading, Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, tonight received U. K. Kass, Burmese Ambassador in London.

The Marquis of Reading is to lead the British delegation to lead the British delegation to the Economic Commission for Asia later this month.—France-Press.

Washington Conference On

Defence Of South Asia Indo-China High On List Of Topics To Be Discussed

Washington, Jan. 10.

With the arrival here of the French Chief of Staff, General Alphonse Juin, military leaders of the United States, Britain and France held separate informal talks today preliminary to their conference tomorrow on the defence of South-East Asia. Australia, New Zealand and Canada will attend the Washington talks as observers.

The formal meetings at the United States defence headquarters will be a continuation of the three-day military tripartite conference held at Singapore last year.

They are considered also as a top level "planning session" to carry forward the broad decisions on the Far East reached in the Churchill-Truman talks on Monday and Tuesday.

It was understood that the conference would deal only with military matters.

Political aspects of the situation in South-East Asia were being dealt with in talks this week between Mr. Dean Acheson, United States Secretary of State, and Mr. Anthony Eden, Britain's Foreign Secretary.

The talks to begin tomorrow were described in some quarters here as an attempt to secure greater co-ordination of policy within the framework of the Churchill-Truman decisions, with the evaluations of the military chiefs to be taken up by the two statesmen on Mr. Churchill's return to Washington from Canada next week.

High on the list of topics will certainly be Indo-China, where the struggle between the French and the Communist rebels appears to have reached a military stalemate.

PRESSING QUESTIONS

One of the most pressing questions before the Truman Administration is how far it should underwrite the security of this part of South-East Asia in view of the general fear that the Chinese Communists might intervene.

Malaya and Burma are two other danger spots in South-East Asia.

Among those attending the talks, according to a tentative list issued by the American Defence Department today, will be:

United States: General Omar Bradley, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the three Services Joint Chiefs.
Britain: Field Marshal Sir William Slim, Chief of the Imperial General Staff.
France: General Alphonse Juin.

Australia: Air Vice-Marshal F. R. W. Scherger.
Canada: Air Vice-Marshal Hugh Campbell.
New Zealand: Air Commodore J. F. Findlay.—Reuter.

Society Wedding In Spain

Seville, Jan. 10.

Senora Carmen Polo de Franco, wife of General Franco, and her daughter, the Marquesa de Villaverde, were among the guests here today at the marriage of Senor Fernando Mateu Rey, son of the Duchess of Medinaceli, to Senorita Concepcion Reyes Revilla, daughter of one of Seville's leading families.

The bridegroom is the son of the Duchess by her first marriage. The Duke of Medinaceli is a Spanish Grandee and one of the biggest landowners in Spain.—Reuter.

Arab Plan For Talks' Resumption

Paris, Jan. 10.

The Assistant Secretary-General of the Arab League, Ahmed Shukri, today submitted a plan for resumption of negotiations between the Arab States and Israel under United Nations' auspices.

The plan provides for three mixed commissions including Israeli and Arab representatives which would deal with such matters as territorial problems, the status of Jerusalem and refugees.

Regarding Jerusalem, the plan provides for appointment by Pope Pius of a Governor who would be entrusted with carrying out the demilitarisation and internationalisation of Jerusalem.

An Israeli delegation spokesman said that Israel would examine the proposal that the Pope be asked to nominate a Governor for an internationalised Jerusalem, if the proposal were put forward formally in the Special Political Committee of the United Nations.

A suggestion for mixed Arab-Israeli commissions was first put forward by the United Nations Palestine Conciliation Commission in Geneva in 1950 when it was rejected by the Arabs and accepted by Israel, the spokesman said.

SANCTIONS ASKED

The commissions would themselves submit the terms of reference, which could not be imposed unilaterally.

Israel would not reject any plan under which Jews and Arabs could sit down together to work out legitimate and equitable solutions, he added.

In the Special (Ad Hoc) Political Committee of the United Nations today, Dr. Mohammed Fadil Jamali (Iraq) suggested economic sanctions against the "aggressor" Israel to force adherence to United Nations resolutions and thus check denial of remaining Arab rights in Palestine.

The Committee was discussing a resolution sponsored by Britain, the United States, France and Turkey urging that the Palestine Conciliation Commission should retain its existence.

The resolution noted with regret that the Commission had been unable to reconcile Israeli and Arab points of view after three years' activity.—France-Press and Reuter.

Emergency Aid For Refugees

Paris, Jan. 10.

The Social Committee of the United Nations today granted authority for an international appeal for emergency aid for the most needy cases of some 1,800,000 refugees.

Dr. Van Heuven, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, has estimated that he will need \$3,000,000 for his fund.—Reuter.

Senate Requested To Ratify Japanese Treaty

Washington, Jan. 10.

In his first foreign policy request to the new Congress, President Truman today asked the Senate to ratify the peace treaty with Japan and to approve the entry of Greece and Turkey into the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO).

He also submitted for Senate ratification three other treaties which would formally bind this country closer to its allies in the Pacific.

Cyprus Ban On Meetings

Nicosia, Jan. 10.

Sir Andrew Wright, put a ban tonight on all public meetings between January 11 and 15.

Its effect will be to outlaw the planned celebration on January 13 of the second anniversary of a plebiscite in which 98 per cent of Cypriot Greeks voted for a union with Greece.

The Communist Party and left wing organisations tonight cabled an appeal to the United Nations to intervene against the Governor's ban.

Cables of protest were also sent to the Colonial Secretary in London and the Governor of Cyprus.—Reuter.

Broadcasts To Asia

Washington, Jan. 10.

The State Department said tonight that an additional transmitter for the Far Eastern broadcasts of the "Voice of America" would be set up shortly on the Pacific Coast.

The exact location of the new transmitter was not disclosed but the Department said it would be somewhere in the State of Washington, probably near Copalis or Port Angeles.—France-Press.

West Germany's Population

Bonn, Jan. 10.

West Germany's population increased after the end of the war to 48,195,000 by last September 30, it was officially announced today.

The Statistical Bureau for the first time reported a decrease in the influx of immigrants, returning POWs and refugees from the Soviet zone and other Iron Curtain countries. It said 118,000 persons came to West Germany during the third quarter of 1951 compared with 160,000 in the corresponding period of 1950.—Associated Press.

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SHAWCROSS PLAN

St. Helen's, Jan. 10.

Sir Hartley Shawcross, President of the Board of Trade in the defeated Labour Government, tonight urged the Western allies to consider establishing a common defence budget.

Addressing his constituents here he said, "There is talk of further aid from America to Europe. And that may well be necessary, for the immediate burden of rearmament falls more heavily upon Europe than she can safely bear—and it falls more heavily upon our own already heavily burdened country than upon any other."

"But it is not so much a question of aid so far as rearmament is concerned. What we need is, rather, a common budget to finance a common plan."

"And we must get away from these constantly recurring crises which result from the disequilibrium between Europe and America."

"We can only do it by working out together the spirit, and then the machinery of partnership between Western Europe, America and the countries of our Commonwealth."

He did not suggest the time had come for an actual Atlantic federation. What was needed was to build up the spirit of frank understanding and co-operation before the machinery was hampered out.—Reuter.

MINISTERS TO MEET

London, Jan. 10.

The Committee of Ministers of the Council for Europe is expected to meet in Paris in the second half of February, the Council's Information Directorate announced here today.

The Committee will meet to examine recommendations of the Council's General Assembly which met in Strasbourg last month.

A firm date for the meeting will depend on the timing of the Ministerial conference of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation in Lisbon.

This was to have convened in the first half of February but may be postponed because of the French Government crisis.—Reuter.

William "Buster" Upchurch, three-year-old son of Mr and Mrs William Upchurch, China missionaries, was taken from the liner Carthage at Tilbury straight to the London Hospital for Tropical Diseases. Buster became ill while the liner was on the way to England. The family had been expelled from China by the Communists.—London Express Picture.

CABINET CRISIS IN BELGIUM

Brussels, Jan. 10.

Gaston Eyskens, 47-year-old former Premier and Social Christian (Catholic) Party leader, was tonight regarded as most likely to take over Belgium's Premiership left vacant yesterday by his Party fellow Joseph Pholien.

Forced by an internal Party rift, the collective resignation of the Pholien all-Catholic Cabinet was tonight still waiting confirmation or rejection by King Baudouin.

Following traditional consultations with the Presidents of the two Houses of Parliament and the Chairman of the three main parties—Social Christians, Socialists and Liberals—the King sent for M. Eyskens—the first politician earmarked by his Party as a possible successor to Pholien.

M. Eyskens remained closeted with the King for more than half an hour.

Later, officials at the Royal Palace said that the King had ended his talks for the day.—Reuter.

Land Reforms Urged

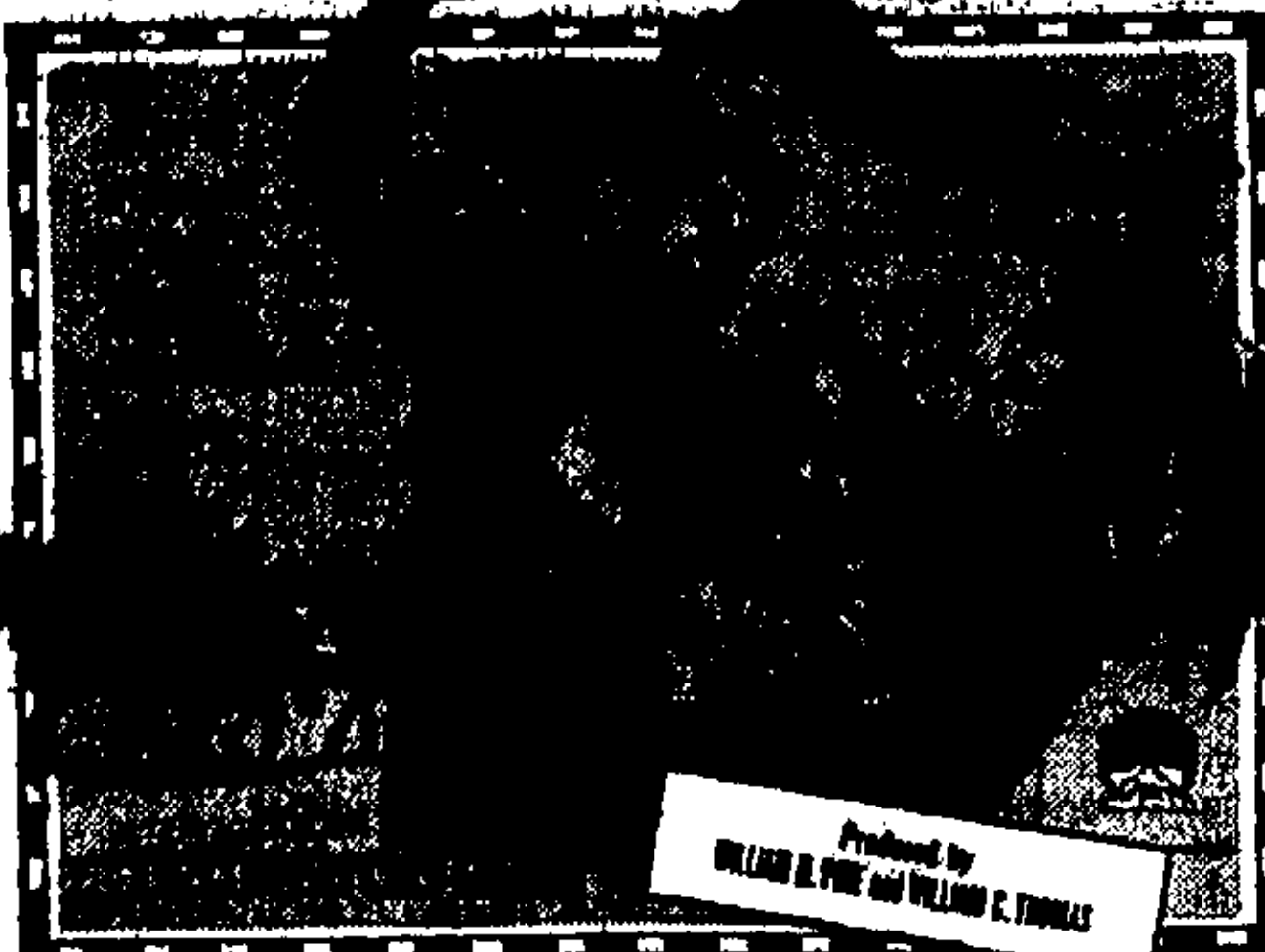
Paris, Jan. 10.

In the United Nations Economic Committee today the Soviet bloc joined the West in calling for widespread land reforms, particularly in under-developed countries.

The Committee, by 43 votes to none, with five abstentions on the part of Arab States, passed a resolution urging a "new deal" for farmers.—Reuter.

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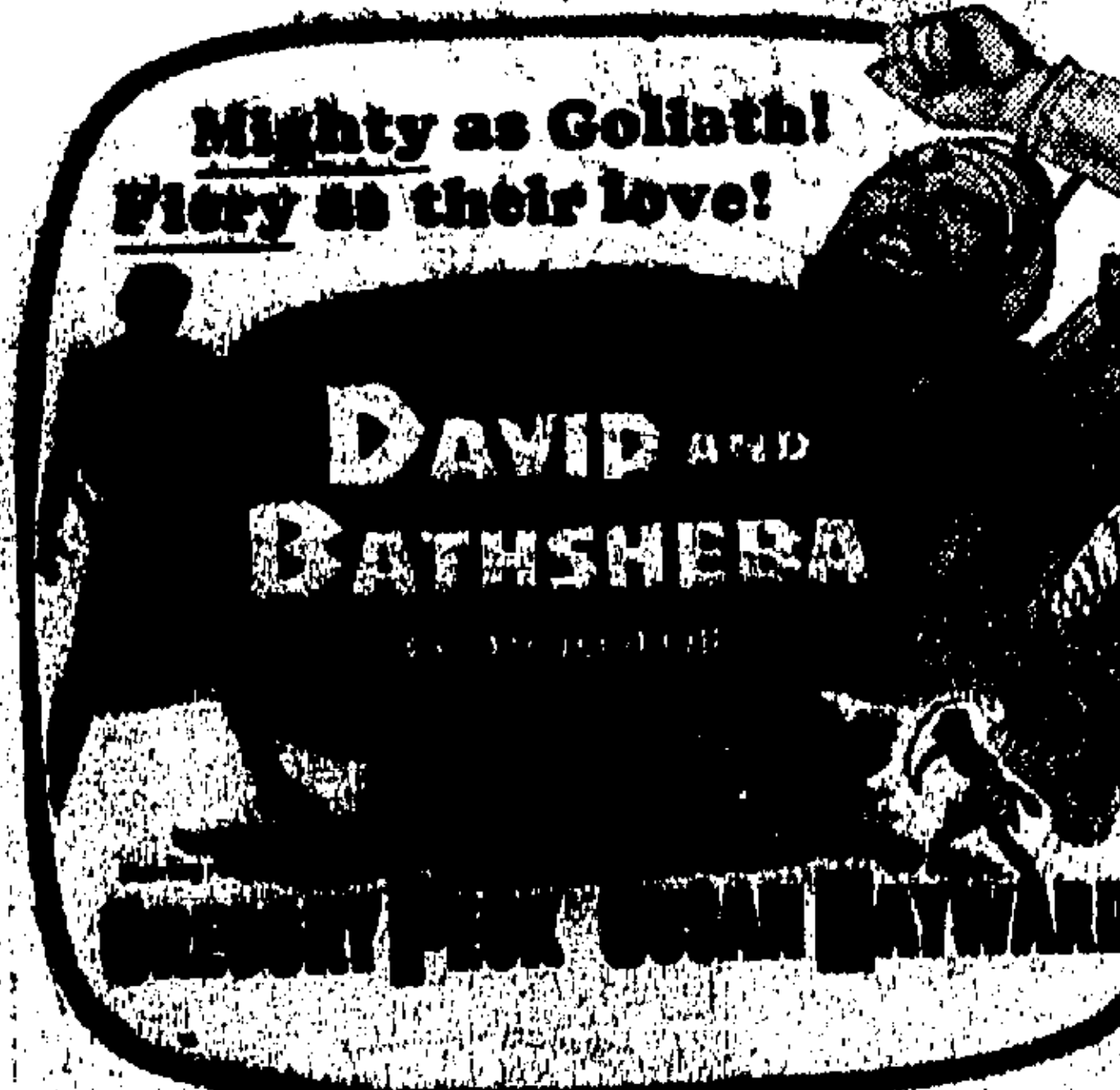
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U.N. AND FUTURE OF KOREA

Action Depends On Panmunjom Talks

Paris, Jan. 10.

The cease-fire negotiations at Panmunjom, Korea, have at the most 10 days to conclude an armistice if the political future of Korea is to be discussed at the present session of the United Nations General Assembly, informed sources said here today.

But judging from reports of continuing deadlock at the talks and the Soviet Government's insistence that the Korean armistice should be discussed here, diplomats and officials are agreed that the deadline will probably not be met.

In that event a special session of the General Assembly would have to be called in New York as soon as an armistice is signed. This would follow the pattern of United Nations action in the case of Palestine.

Leading Western delegations have stated categorically that they will not debate any political issues regarding Korea until there is peace in the field.

U.S. SURPRISED

As the Assembly's agenda is now arranged, United Nations officials consider that January 18 is about the latest date by which the Korean item can be taken up in the Political Committee.

This Assembly session, supposed to end on January 26, is expected to be stretched to about February 9.

No one expects a subject as complicated as Korea to be disposed of in two weeks.

An American official said today that M. Jacob Malik, deputy Soviet representative, had appeared to agree to postponing discussion on Korea in a preliminary talk with Mr. Ernest A. Gross, deputy United States representative.

American officials were therefore surprised and disappointed when the Soviet Foreign Minister, M. Andrei Vyshinsky, shortly afterwards launched a blistering attack on the idea of any delay in the Political Committee.—Reuter.

FILM FESTIVAL IN URUGUAY

Punta del Este, Jan. 10. Nine countries are represented at Uruguay's second international film festival, which opened here tonight. They are Brazil, Britain, France, Italy, Japan, Mexico, Sweden, the United States and West Germany.

Britain is represented by Christmas carols and the films "Outcast of the Islands" and "Ivory Hunters".—Reuter.

What Happened When Jet Fighter's Brakes Failed



When the brake failed during a landing on the USS Essex, Lt. A. B. Treadwell's Banshee jet fighter went over the side into the sea. He is shown here clambering from the cockpit shortly before being picked up by a helicopter and returning aboard uninjured.—London Express Picture.

Atomic Research In Europe

The Hague, Jan. 10.

A European centre for atomic research is to be set up under an agreement to be signed in Geneva next month, official Dutch sources revealed tonight.

Mr. J. H. Bannier, Director-General of the Organisation for Pure Scientific Research, said that the centre would be under the auspices of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation.—Reuter.

Entering New Relationship

Paris, Jan. 10.

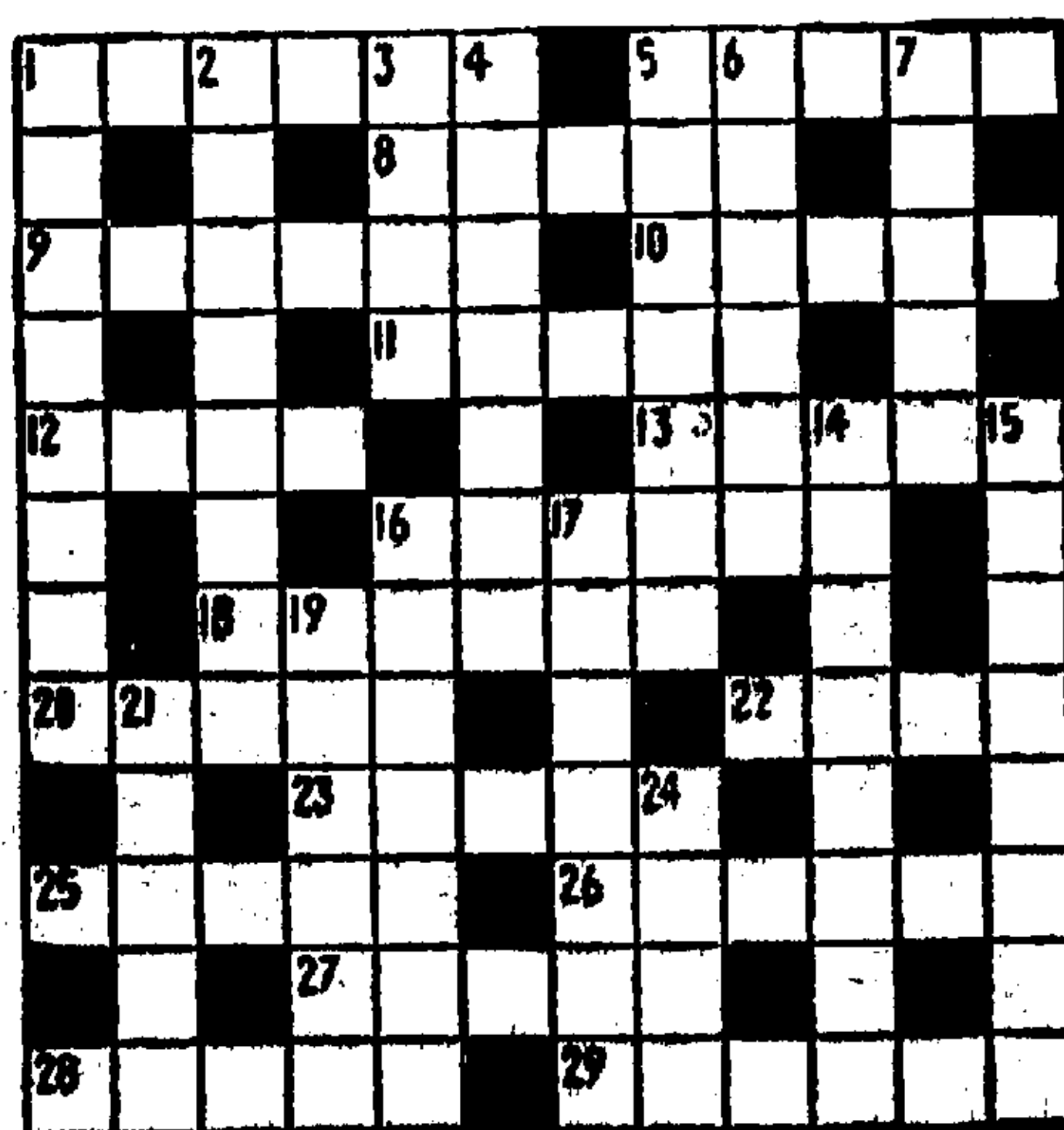
The Netherlands delegate, Dr. Debruit, told the United Nations Trusteeship Committee today that his country was entering into a new constitutional relationship, based on equal partnership, with Surinam and the Dutch West Indies.

Details of the relationship would be worked out at a round-table conference at The Hague next month.

The basis of the talks would be the creation of a new "three-constituted kingdom" under Queen Juliana, with the Netherlands, Surinam, and the West Indian islands, including Curacao, as co-partners.

Dr. Debruit told the Committee that his Government would cease reporting to the United Nations on these territories as they were now self-governing.—Reuter.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 1 Accident (6).
- 2 Discourage (5).
- 3 Stripped (6).
- 4 Constrain (6).
- 5 Strength (5).
- 6 Greasy (4).
- 7 Stop (5).
- 8 Negligent (6).
- 9 Crockery (6).
- 10 Exhaust (6).
- 11 Cynical (4).
- 12 Sensitive (5).
- 13 Brown pigment (5).
- 14 Ventricle speech (6).
- 15 Hard (5).
- 16 Condition (6).
- 17 Displays (6).

DOWN

- 1 Gerns (8).
- 2 Felon (8).
- 3 Encourage (4).
- 4 Royal residences (7).
- 5 Amount short (7).
- 6 Worships (6).
- 7 Matches (5).
- 8 "It" (8).
- 9 Smoothness (8).
- 10 Enit (7).
- 11 Earned (7).
- 12 Enrol (6).
- 13 Fold (6).
- 14 Root covering (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD: Across: 1 Stream, 5 Acted, 6 Day, 9 Cancer, 11 Feet, 12 Dancer, 14 Mole, 16 Boor, 18 Abode, 19 Fear, 20 Porter, 24 Dr., 25 Rotund, 26 Ebon, 27 Ruler, 28 Tanya, Down: 1 Back, 2 Road, 3 Adams, 4 Minute, 5 Answer, 6 Tailor, 7 Dilapid, 10 Obed, 13 Satisfactor, 14 Lame, 15 Sumner, 16 Gears, 17 Speech, 18 Ties, 22 Bull, 23 Lame, 24 Lame, 25 Lame, 26 Lame, 27 Lame, 28 Lame.

Atlantic Unity Depends On Anglo-U.S. Front

PERCY SPENDER'S VIEWS

New York, Jan. 10.

The Australian Ambassador to the United States, Mr. Percy C. Spender, said tonight that the preservation of peace depends upon the maintenance of essential unity of the Atlantic community.

"Unity depends, in turn, upon the maintenance of a common front between the United States and Great Britain," he added.

Mr. Spender said that Britain was never alone in the councils of the world because "behind her always will be her self-governing Dominions such as Australia, determined to stand fast with her in all storms that break."

The Ambassador spoke before the English-Speaking Union here.

He said, "Just as the free world cannot survive without the United States of America it is equally clear that United States leadership of the free world depends upon the support of Great Britain."

"The essential interdependence in the field of foreign policy between the United States and the United Kingdom is such that without common agreement between these two great nations on a policy to be pursued and how it is to be pursued, unity of the Atlantic community could rapidly disappear," Mr. Spender continued.

BRIGHT STAR

Discussing Australian ties with Britain, Mr. Spender said, "In this divided world of today the British Commonwealth stands out as a bright star in the firmament of peace."

Australians were proud to be members of this association of free, independent peoples.

They were endeavouring as far as possible to build up with the United States "somewhat the same relationship as existed with the British Commonwealth."

He said, "We desire a full exchange of information and experience on all important matters and consultation on questions of mutual interest on great issues affecting the maintenance of peace and security."

"Particularly in the area of the Pacific, Australia and the United States can act in concert to our mutual advantage, and in the interests of world security and peace."—United Press.

UN Delegate Entertains

Paris, Jan. 10.

The head of the British delegation to the United Nations, Mr. Percy C. Spender, today gave a luncheon in honour of the Indian representative, the Pakistani delegate, the Libyan Premier, and the French Foreign Minister.

Several representatives of the British Commonwealth were also present at the luncheon.—France-Press.

Japs For Brazil

Rio de Janeiro, Jan. 10. The Brazilian President, Getulio Vargas, has authorized immigration into Brazil of 5,000 Japanese families in five years. Kotaro Tani, President of the Japanese and Factory Workers Union, today said that the Japanese government had authorized the immigration of 5,000 Japanese families into Brazil in five years.

SEN. TAFT DECIDES TO ENTER ILLINOIS PRIMARIES

Triangular Contest

Washington, Jan. 10.

Senator Robert A. Taft announced today that he will enter the April 8 Illinois primary where a three-way race now looms among Senator Taft, Mr. Harold Stassen and General Dwight D. Eisenhower.

Senator Taft disclosed his decision to enter the Illinois contest shortly after Mr. Stassen challenged him to a fight in both Wisconsin and Illinois and said that he would wage an active campaign against Senator Taft's "weak semi-isolationist foreign policy."

Simultaneously, a new Eisenhower-for-President organization said in Chicago that it hopes to enter a slate of delegates for the General in the Illinois primary.

Senator Taft obviously was spurred in his decision by the fact that the Stassen and Eisenhower forces had entered Illinois.

Mr. Stassen, a former Minnesota Governor, also has announced that he will enter Senator Taft's home State of Ohio as well as Minnesota and Pennsylvania.

Senator Taft had previously been entered only in Ohio and Wisconsin.

A statement issued by the Ohio Republican's campaign headquarters merely said that he made the Illinois decision after a conference with Senator Everett M. Dirksen, his campaign manager in that State.

MARSHALLING FORCES

Mr. Stassen has already opened his Illinois campaign. He conferred on Tuesday with political leaders after returning from a Milwaukee conference.

Senator Taft's decision came as his campaign managers met here to appraise the changes in the political situation which have occurred since their last conference a month ago.

Despite the Stassen and Eisenhower moves they were confident that their candidate still held a good lead.

The Eisenhower forces were also marshalling their forces. Senator Henry Cabot Lodge (R. Mass.), General Eisenhower's campaign manager, said that he is combing through the General's past speeches, writings and interviews to show just where he stands on various domestic and world issues.

DOUGLAS' PREDICTION

Some Republicans insist that they need more information on what General Eisenhower stands for before they can commit themselves.

Senator Lodge said that he will start issuing these "Eisenhower policy statements" next month to offset the fact that his candidate cannot make campaign speeches.

General Eisenhower has said that he will not leave his European post to engage in pre-convention campaigning.

In another political development, Senator Paul H. Douglas (Democrat, Illinois), predicted that General Eisenhower will be elected President if he gets the Republican nomination.

Senator Douglas proposed that both parties nominate General

Eisenhower for the top spot but run different vice-presidential candidates.

The Democratic Senator recalled that he had urged the nomination of General Eisenhower by the Democrats in 1948 and "I still personally would be very receptive to the idea."

Senator Douglas, who is lecturing at Harvard University, told a news conference that "even though General Eisenhower has political leanings toward Republicanism that can be forgiven."

Senator Douglas could not predict whether President Truman would seek re-election if General Eisenhower becomes the Republican standard-bearer.—United Press.

Wants His Children From China

Yakima, Wash., Jan. 10.

A Chinese restaurant cook, separated by thousands of miles from his two children in the Orient, told today of his efforts to compel the Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, to aid him.

Ng Seid Poy's wife and their youngest child, Mary Ng, who will be two next month, arrived here from the Far East two months ago. But Poy was unable to obtain permits which would allow Ng Bat Gum, 20, and Ng Chut Pan, 19, to enter this country, he said.

After consulting attorneys, he filed a suit in district court naming the highest official in the Department of State, Dean Acheson, and seeking to compel the Secretary to aid him in obtaining entry permits.

"I was turned down in Hongkong because I couldn't remember the answers to all the detailed questions," Poy told newsmen.

"Maybe the Secretary of State made a mistake."

PERMITS DENIED

Poy said he was a United States citizen when he made a trip to China and married Wong Shue in Kwangtung Province in 1920. Later the mother lived with their children 300 miles inland from Hongkong, he said.

Two years ago, when travel restrictions began to tighten, he contacted the American Consulate-General at Hongkong to obtain permission for his family to join him in this country.

The smallest child was permitted to come with the mother, he said, but permits were denied the older children.

The Chinese Communists allowed his wife and youngest child to leave the area without interference, he added.—Associated Press.

Jap Police Reserve Efficiency Praised

Tokyo, Jan. 10.

Minister of State Takeo Ohashi today said Japan's national police reserve is better trained and disciplined than the pre-war Imperial army.

But he expressed the hope that the police reserve—now a 75,000-man force trained with field weapons—never would have to fight overseas.

Mr. Ohashi told the Nippon Times that he opposed the enlistment of former Japanese army officers of the rank of colonel or higher because of their ideological leanings.

The latest group of officers selected for the police reserve include some of field rank in the old Japanese army.

Mr. Ohashi urged that new officers be trained instead as leaders of a new army.

He told newsmen he was considering asking American officers to advise the national police after a peace treaty.

He declared Japan could not depend only on her own power of defense and said it would be necessary for the Japanese to continue to rely on assistance from the U.S. Army.

After the outbreak of the Korean war, some of the training has been transferred recently to Japanese cadre.

Mr. Ohashi also said the reserve would continue to enroll former Japanese military officers to meet the authorized level of 75,000 men. These officers, up to the rank of lieutenant-colonel or navy commander, would improve discipline.

The Cabinet Minister said the police reserve would be the core of Japan's developing plans for her own defense.

At a news conference today, Mr. Ohashi told newsmen he thought Japanese power would be inadequate to insure her defense against invasion. It would be necessary for Japan to continue to get American military aid.

That was one reason, he said, for his plan to ask for American advisers for the national police reserve. He believed the program would result in closer ties between the national police reserve and American forces.—Associated Press.

Stations To Record Earthquakes

Paris, Jan. 10.

One of France's foremost seismologists will help Turkey set up a network of stations to record earthquakes, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation announced.

Dr. Gaston Grunet, head of the Meteorological and Global Physics Institute in Algeria since 1947, will arrive in Istanbul on January 15 for one year under the UNESCO programme for technical assistance for economic development.

He will supervise the construction of three new seismological stations.

Turkey requested such assistance because the lack of precise data on local tremors had hampered new reconstruction.—United Press.

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LEADING WREN ANNE TATE works as a meteorologist at Arbroath, Scotland. Her home is in Oxford. She goes in for many sports in off-duty hours, but of training says: "I never train, it would spoil the fun."



CORPORAL PAT FARLEIGH, named as WRAF Girl of the Year by the Service magazine Royal Air Force Review, volunteered for service in Germany after three years' service in the United Kingdom. In the Hindenburg Stadium, Hanover, she set up a new WRAF record for the 200 metres.

LIQUID HISTORY

By Hazel May

London. JOHN Burns, a great Londoner, once stood gazing down on the River Thames from the terrace of the House of Commons. Suddenly he turned to a friend at his elbow and said: "There flows liquid history."

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In this collection of verse and prose from magazines and periodicals, as well as from some of England's greatest poets and writers, we find the Thames variously described. To some it is a "silent highway," the "fair and goodly," the "silver," the "clean Thames" bordered by its gardens green. To others it is a "pellucid filthy stream" arousing in

dignation by its abhorrent stench—a view which might be echoed even today by riverside dwellers in a London summer.

One warm day in July 1858, we learn, the strong odour of the river "the Royal sense assailed."

So great was public indignation on this occasion that a contributor to Punch wrote:

"How shall I state what thousands saw,

Indignant, yet oppressed with awe,

Their blood which well nigh froze?

The River's perfume was so vile,

The Sovereign, as she neared Dogs' Isle,

Was fain to hold—nay do not smile—

A bouquet to her nose."

And he appealed:

"Where shall the Constitution go,

If sewage shall much longer flow,

The banks, old Thames, between?"

The most unlikely authors and poets appear side by side—Lewis Carroll and Matthew Arnold, Jonathan Swift and Shelley, Laurence Binyon and T. S. Eliot, Kipling, Julius Caesar, Walter Scott, Virginia Woolfe and Daniel Defoe.

Naturally we find Pepys well represented among the most vivid chroniclers of London's river. There is a wonderful description by him of "an infinite Great Fire." Pepys spent the night watching it.

"When we could endure no more upon the water, we to a little steamer on the Thames, over against the Three Cranes, and there stood all the day dark and rainy, the river grew

and, as it grew darker, appeared more and more: and in corners and upon steeples, and between churches and houses, as far as we could see up the hill of the City, in a most horrid, malicious, bloody flame, not like the fine flame of an ordinary fire."

We stayed till, it being darkish, we saw the fire as only one entire arch of fire from this to the other side the bridge, and in a how up the hill for an arch of above a mile long. It made me weep to see it. The churches, houses, and all on fire, and flaming at once; and a horrid noise the flames made, and the crackling of houses at their ruin."

There is a brief record of the winter of 1684 when the Thames froze, when a printing press was set up on the ice:

"The frost continuing more and more severe, the Thames before London was still planted with booths in formal streets, all sorts of trade and shops furnished, and full of commodities, even to a printing press, where the ladies took a fancy to have their names printed, and the day and the year set down when printed on the universally that it was estimated the printer gained £20 a day, for printing a line only, at sixpence a name, besides what he got by ballads, etc. Coaches plied from Westminster to the Temple, and from several other stairs to and fro, as in the streets, sleds, sliding with skates, a bull-baiting, horses and coach-races, puppet-plays and interludes, cooks, tipping and low places so that it seemed to be a bacchanalian triumph, or carnival on the water."

The book is enriched by reproductions of famous paintings of the Thames by well-known artists. Turner, Wilson Steer and Victor Pasmore have captured moods that every river-lover knows. But one regrets that it was not possible to reproduce these in colour, and Whistler would seem a lamentable omission.

The book aches with nostalgia, but for two lines warranted to stir the heart of any one who has ever loved the Thames I would select:

"But oh! the London songbirds—
a-curling up and down—
They're more like old-time
London birds—back to
London Town."

They Made Their Mark

The Lieutenant, the Corporal and the Leading Wren point to the new type of women in uniform

WHO are the girls who have made their mark in 1951? The names of three are: Pat Farleigh, Anne Tate and Carol Weaver. These are not household names. But the owner of each has, during the past year, become something of a celebrity in her own sphere—Corporal Pat Farleigh in the WRAF, Leading Wren Anne Tate in the WRNS, and Lieutenant Carol Weaver in the WRAC.

These girls are part of the answer to all the jokes about women in uniform. They are young women of assorted but undeniable talents, who take their careers in the Services as seriously as ever their fathers or brothers would have done.

By Robert Kingsley

CORPORAL FARLEIGH has been named in a RAF magazine as the WRAF Girl of the Year. She is 21 years old, auburn-haired, and works as a clerk at a RAF headquarters in Germany.

She joined the Service four years ago, and if you asked her what her extra-curricular interests were she would reply: athletics (she set up a WRAF record for the 200 metres in Ger-

many this summer), swimming, riding, gliding; climbing, tennis, yachting and dancing.

"She points," says the RAF Review, admiringly, "to a new type of British Servicewoman, in her approach to her duties and her outlook upon woman's place in the Services."

The Navy does not select a girl of the year from among the WRNS. If they did so, **LEADING WREN ANNE TATE**, whose home is in Oxford, might easily qualify.

Leading Wren Tate is a tall, attractive, fair-haired girl, 20 years old, who has signed on in the Service for four years, and is stationed at Arbroath, where she works as a meteorologist.

When we saw her, she had just come from winning the WRNS squash-rackets championships at Greenwich. She only took up the game when she entered the Service in 1949. She entered the WRNS championship in the winter of that year, and was knocked out, with a black eye for a souvenir (she happened to cross the path of her opponent's racket). The following winter she won the championship.

Leading Wren Tate (who joined the Service, she says, on the spur of the moment) has won Service competitions in hurdling and javelin throwing. She is also a high jumper and a sprinter. In the summer she rides, as a member of the Royal Navy Polo Club, and in the winter, as a member of a Service skiing club, she gets skiing in the Cairngorms.

All these are strictly spare-time activities. Leading Wren Tate has the same working hours as anyone else in her category. Yet she still finds time when she is off duty to coach fellow Wrens in handicrafts and take walking-on parts in unit amateur dramatics.

Though the Army, like the Navy, does not nominate a girl of the year, **LEUTENANT CAROL WEAVER** was singled out earlier last year for distinction. At the WRAC equivalent to Sandhurst, in the early summer, Lieutenant Weaver was presented by the Princess Royal with the sash of honour as the best officer-cadet of her course.

Lieutenant Weaver, a pretty, dark-haired girl of 26, from Newcastle-under-Lyme, joined the WRAC under the special entry scheme for university graduates. She already possessed a BA from London



LEUTENANT CAROL WEAVER, best officer-cadet of her course in the WRAC, wears the new dark-green dress uniform.



LEUTENANT WEAVER plays hockey, tennis, netball, and has been appointed sports officer of her London unit.

University when she joined up. Because of this, after her initial recruit-and officer cadet-training, she received her second "pip" as a full lieutenant within a few weeks of being commissioned. Her BA was worth 21 months' seniority.

Now Lieutenant Weaver is stationed in London, doing the two years' regimental duty with which all WRAC officers, whatever their qualifications, begin their service.

She arrived knowing French and German, and now she is learning Russian, which she described to me as "a lovely language, and comparatively simple if you like learning languages."

She plays tennis, hockey, netball, is keen on mountaineering, and is sports officer for the WRACs in her unit.

It may be some time before daughters are entered for their mothers' Service as sons have long succeeded their fathers. It will be even longer before portraits of Service-women ancestors are commonplace among the generals and the admirals on the walls. But when these things come about it will partly be thanks to the Farleighs, Tates and Weavers and the other all-rounders, whose Service careers emphasise the breadth and scope of life for women in uniform.

A FAVOURITE ON ALL TABLES

TAIKOO SUGAR

Whiteness
Sweetness
Purity!

POCKET CARTOON
by OSBERT LANCASTER

Have you noticed, usually how in times of great national crisis, great difficulties become completely unimportant?

But oh! the London songbirds—
a-curling up and down—
They're more like old-time
London birds—back to
London Town.

JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Do Some Thinking Before Playing

NORTH (D) 23	
♠ K 10 9 8 3	
♥ K	
♦ A K Q 2	
♣ A 5 3	
WEST	
♠ 8 6 2	
♥ 7 3	
♦ 10 9 7 4	
♣ Q 10 6	
EAST	
♠ A K J	
♥ J 8 5 2	
♦ J 8	
♣ K 9 7 2	
SOUTH	
♠ 7 4	
♥ A Q 10 8 4	
♦ 6 5 3	
♣ 8 4	
Neither side vul.	
North - East	South - West
1 ♠ Pass	2 ♥ Pass
3 ♦ Pass	3 ♣ Pass
3 N.T. Pass	4 ♣ Pass
Pass	Double Pass
Pass	Pass

By OSWALD JACOBY

I WISH you would point out that there's often more than one dummy at the bridge table. A life-size dummy is a life-size dummy. This dummy illustrates the point.

My partner, West, opened the queen of clubs and dummy played low. I reluctantly played the deuce of clubs to prevent a shift. My partner looked at the deuce of clubs, looked at the dummy, looked at the queen of clubs, and then he looked at the queen of clubs. And then he looked at the queen of clubs.

"Deuce of clubs," he said, "the ace of clubs is in your hand. He next led a spade. I shot back a trump to dummy's king and he let me win another spade. I returned the jack of diamonds to dummy's queen, and declared a spade. Now South is in the lead of a trump and led a second diamond to dummy's king.

At this point dummy had two good spades to lead through me. If I pulled the first South could over-ruff with a trump and take dummy's last trump. I discarded on the first good spade and declared a second diamond and led the second spade through me for a trumpless trump-finesse.

All of this could have been prevented if my invariable partner had only led a trump or a diamond at the second trick. Dummy would be short one entry for all the hoopla that he actually brought off.

What is your comment on all this?

My correspondent's remarks are fine as far as they go. There was more than one dummy at the table. To be accurate there are three of them.

West could have saved his day by shifting to a heart or a diamond at the second trick but he should never have been faced by this problem. To begin with, East should not have doubled his hand on reason to expect a but penalty so his double should have been for declarer without giving East much of a chance to gain.

In the second place, East had no reason to double his hand. He had no reason to double his hand. He had no reason to double his hand. He had no reason to double his hand.

If you want a normal hand it is never ask your partner to do what you can do for yourself.

CARD SERBEE

Q-With North-South vulnerable the bidding has been:

East South West North

1 Heart

You South hold Spades K-Q-10-9-8-7-3. Hearts A-3. Diamonds A-10-8-4. Clubs A-10-9-8-7-3.

A-Pass. There is no time unless your partner has a far better hand than this. If he has that very good hand, he can well afford to enter the bidding by himself. If your partner lacks a very good hand, the best you can do is to pass. If you can get in a part score and the worst might be a very bad penalty double. A game might be worth the candle, but a part score certainly is not.

TODAY'S QUESTION

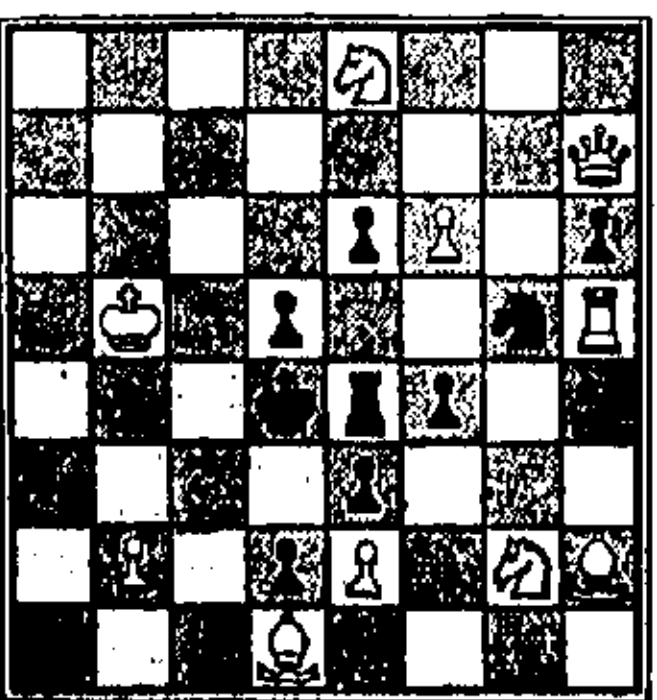
The bidding is the same as in the question just answered. You South hold Spades K-Q-10-9-8-7-3. Hearts A-3. Diamonds A-10-8-4. Clubs A-10-9-8-7-3. What do you do?

Answer Tomorrow

CHESS PROBLEM

By S. F. E. FLATAU

Black, 9 pieces.



White, 10 pieces.

White to play: mate in two.

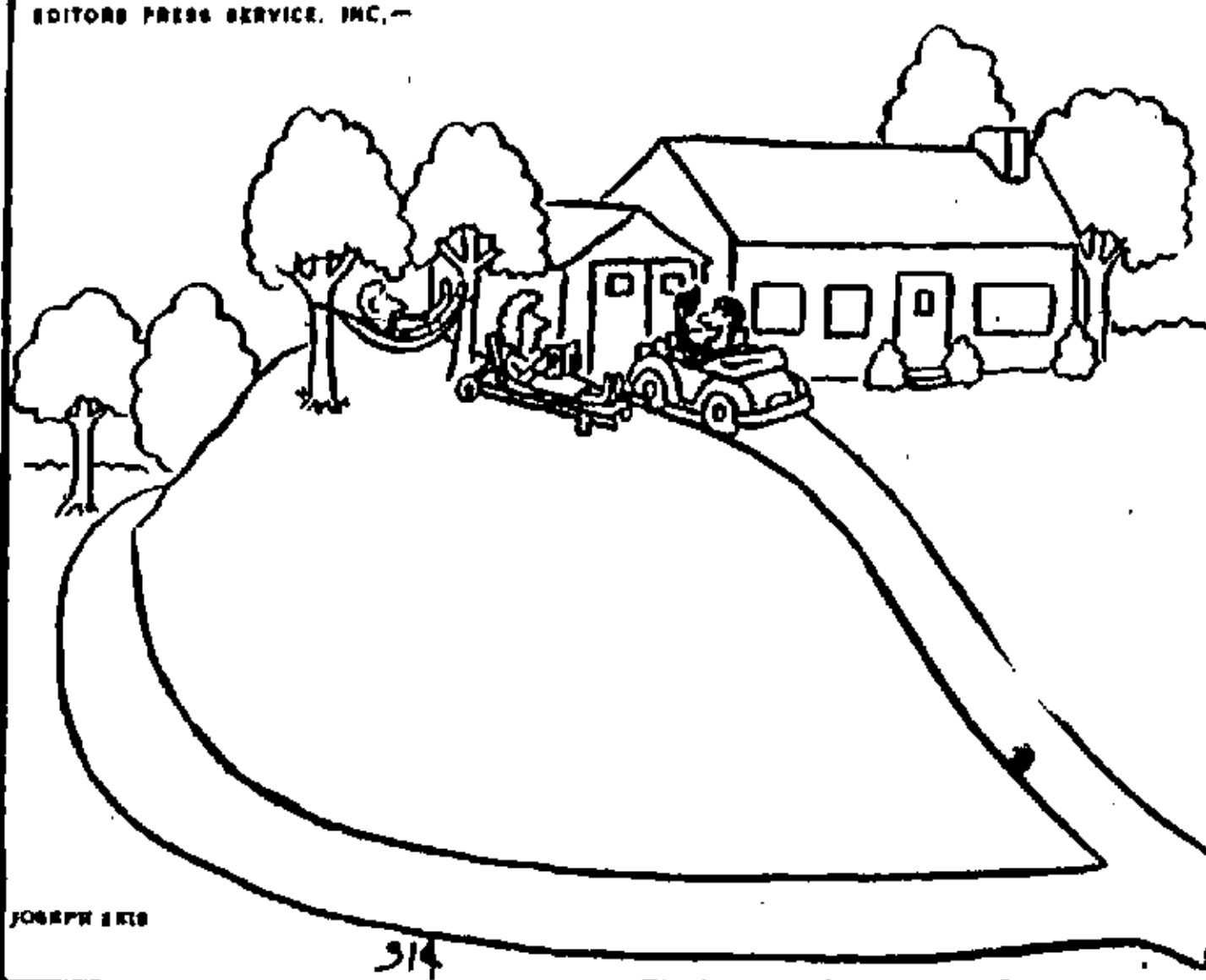
Solution to yesterday's problem:

1. B-R8, any; 2. Q, R, or Kt mates.

DUMB-BELLS

WHY IS YOUR LITTLE BOY CRYING?

HE WANTS A BICYCLE WITH FOUR WHEEL BRAKES



"Pardon me, I thought I was on Route 25."

BY THE WAY

by Beachcomber

WHAT is happening at Wag-gling Parva? So close has the net of secrecy been drawn round this little village, where the Strabismus Laboratories and workshops are situated, that only foreign spies and an occasional English Communist have been able to approach the forbidden area recently.

It is rumored that the sage has just discovered a fool-proof method of reaching the moon by a rocket which will project a series of interplanetary islands as it progresses on its way, each island smaller than its predecessor, like the hats of clowns. Yesterday, Dr. Strabismus, whom you may remember, of Utrecht was elected for eight hours with Professor Szek-zuspendier, the great Hungarian authority on gnomonometric bopology.

Difficult conversation

WHENEVER I hear a bit of inconsequent dialogue in a bar I always revert to the old classic:

YOUR BIRTHDAY

By STELLA

FRIDAY, JANUARY 11

BORN today you are steadfast and loyal to your friends as well as to your personal ideals. In the past you have been somewhat misled by a false friend because of blind loyalty. In the future you must learn to be more discerning. Keep your mind open to progress and learn to advance with the times. Tradition certainly had an important place in the modern world, but occasionally changes in the pattern need to be made.

Original and inventive you are, especially on the subject of love. You have a great proficiency. You have an impeccable taste, good judgment and a vision to see the beauty of the world. You are usually well ahead of the times. You may have contemporary recognition, your fame will increase even after your death.

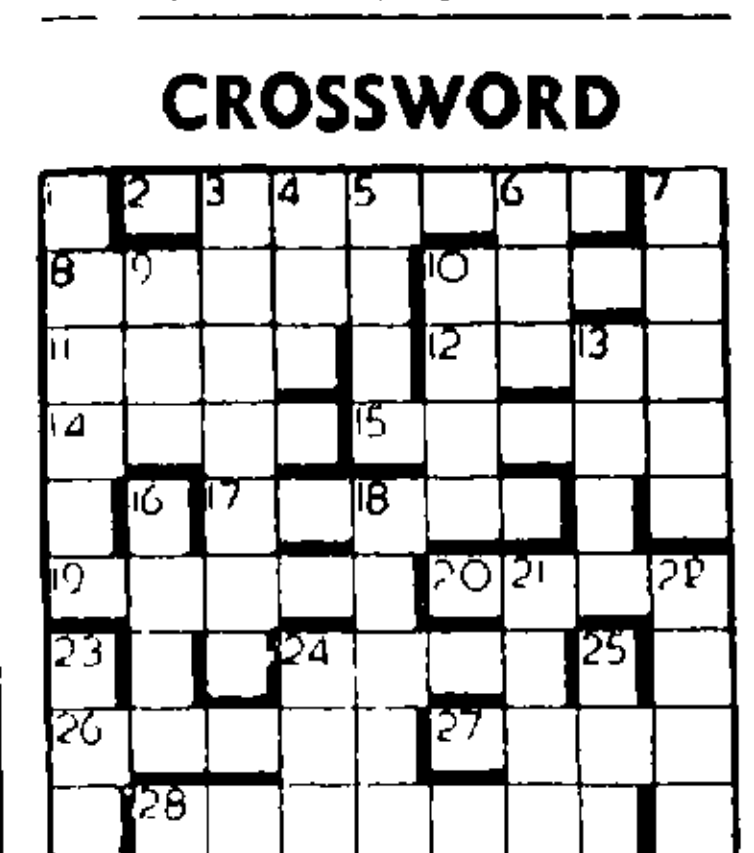
SATURDAY, JANUARY 12

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20): A day to do to protect your new ideas. Do not let your family circle or among your acquaintances.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19): An evening for home entertainment. Raise your social obligations to a new level at the time.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20): A wonderful day for the kinder-garten. Plan for birthday party, perhaps for the small fry.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 20): Use your best judgment and tact.



CROSSWORD

Across

1. Persecution which that will end shortly (7)

8. Put a in the mix up (3)

10. Look down at the rain (4)

11. Free but out it could be (4)

12. When the pain was broken (4)

13. Heir (4)

14. The other antibody (5)

15. Dear old sea (3)

16. Every one must become (5)

17. As a (5) (Clue in the step 7)

20. See 3 Down

26. In song suggests the arrival of the first rose (5)

27. Could go west (4)

28. See 23 Down

Down

1. These shops gamble in stocks (6)

3 and 24. Accuse, it is a tone not seen in this pretentious display (11)

4. Born (3)

5. The crop remains (4)

6. Proprietor (3)

7. Wild creature in dogdom (5)

9. May be sweet or savory (3)

10. Back door (4) 13. Nameless (4)

14. Last thing you'd expect this (4)

18. Baroque square material (5)

21. Take tea in the UNO (4)

22. Awaiting, beautiful follow (4)

23 and 28. Across. Threadbare state (3-2-5)

24. Dicks (3) 25. Not a lot (3)

Solution of yesterday's puzzle—Across: 1. Baroque, 11. Guiltless, 12. Bep, 13. Nameless, 14. Last thing you'd expect this, 15. Dear old sea, 16. Every one must become, 17. As a, 20. See 3 Down, 26. In song suggests the arrival of the first rose, 27. Could go west, 28. See 23 Down.

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Check Your Knowledge

1. Who said: "Genius is one percent inspiration and ninety-nine percent perspiration?"

2. Name the artist who painted "The Laughing Cavalier?"

3. What sort of creature is a chameleon?

4. Between what countries was the Battle of the Saints fought?

5. Name the highest mountain peak in New Alps in Europe.

6. What is a scapula?

(Answers on Page 10)

"Do you know Mitchell?"

"Yes. What's his name?"

"I don't know."

In passing

It has been announced that radio programs during the winter may be interrupted now and then to give warnings of electricity cuts. These warnings will be given by what will be called "relaxation and colonial lullabies."

I like very much the statement that the authorities are wondering what will happen when "supplies of coal and other fuel have given out" and "domestic power are obliged to switch on electric fires" (especially when the fires won't switch on). It might be a good idea to set up small turbo-generators everywhere to use the waste steam from domestic kettles.

Base ingratitude

THE 175,000,000,000 bus quarter was today handed a free ticket on a No. 74 bus by the Minister of Transport. The happy winner, Mrs. Florence Churney, said: "But I was waiting for a No. 11. What use is this ticket to me?"

Wool Crepe for Daytime



By ALICE ALDEN

DRESSY clothes are all very nice in their place, but their place is definitely not the major part of a busy day, much of which is to be spent out of doors. Then, unless one is wearing a suit, honours go to the well-fashioned dress of good fabric, the sort of thing that one reaches for time and time again. Such a one is this frock, designed by Hannah Troy, and because of its smart simplicity, a real find. The fabric is navy blue wool crepe, with the velvet collar and cuffs, studded with jet and soutache-embroidered star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star shine on your day!

Cream Plus a Beauty Work-Out



Creaming and exercise are the combination that will keep age lines from spoiling the beauty of your face and neck.

By HELEN FOLLETT

AT the age of thirty a pretty woman is at her tip-top best, often outshines the younger sisters. But she should not rest on her beauty laurels. She must remember that each oncoming year will be a bit more revealing as to her age. To retain youthful appearance she must have foresight, realise that protecting the complexion is easier, cheaper and simpler than battling defects once they appear.

Just as exercise for the body keeps the musculature firm and strong, so will creaming and friction tend to ward off softness of facial and neck tissues. It will keep Time from putting little accordion pleats in your portrait.

To apply creams without any cosmetic waste, Creams will keep the skin smooth. But it is the work-out you give your complexion that tones the flesh, aids

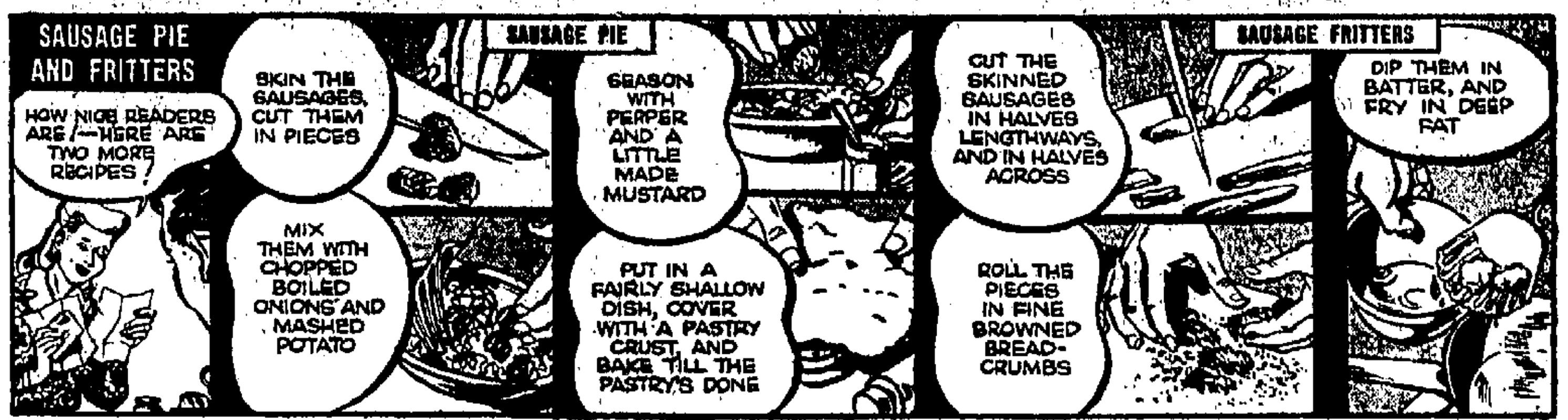
the functioning of the glands and gives your epidermal covering a bit of health and beauty.

Tapping and Patting

The old-time stroking and rotary motions are giving way to light tapping, patting and slapping movements that order the blood streams to attend strictly to their business, which is bringing nourishment to the cells. Brisk massage creates pleasing colouring. If you will give yourself a five-minute treatment every night you may be able to dispense with commercial blushes, grow your own!

Here is a combination exercise and massage treatment, recommended to the woman who suspects an extra chin is on the way: Open your mouth, while you send your knuckles from under your chin toward your nostrils. Open your mouth as the knuckles from upward; close as they pass across the sides of the face; and the ears. It's easy and effective.

WOMANSENSE



90 SECONDS TO DRESS

The American girl who is never late for a date has some tips for the never-prompt

AMERICAN girl with a lesson for English women is 27-year-old Virginia Somers, from Wyoming.

She made four complete changes of costume in her television programme *Apéritif* and took only 1½ minutes over each one.

Before flying off to Madrid she told me how she manages her lightning dressing. It takes her no longer to get ready for private dates. "I have private dates," I have never kept a man waiting," says Miss Somers. "A man appreciates promptness in women."

Her secret? She lays out everything before she starts dressing, including jewellery and accessories, to make sure that nothing needs a last-minute stitch.

HER CLOTHES have their foundation garment built into the dresses so that no time is wasted putting on several layers. Zippers fasten everything, and most outfits are of nylon, which does not crease.

Mae West's hour

HER MAKE-UP and hair are all completed before she starts to dress. She ties a chiffon handkerchief round her head to protect both while she changes.

Many English husbands must sign for a wife like Miss Somers.

Woman with the longest record for dressing I have known was Mae West who told me: "It takes me one hour—exactly just to do my face."

My own record. Going out with an impatient husband about 10 minutes flat including bath



VIRGINIA SOMERS
zipper and nylon.

EILEEN ASCROFT'S COLUMN

and make-up. Going out by myself about an hour and a half.

Tried snails?

I SPOKE to one of London's oldest restaurateurs—about snails.

Monsieur Georges Gaudin, at 82, has just received one of France's highest civil decorations for his services to French civilisation. He is the man who introduced snails to gourmets in Britain.

Fresh snails he tells me, are flown over from France daily. He serves about 200,000 in the six winter months. (Average price 4s. 6d. a half dozen.) They are served with a sauce of butter and garlic.

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In summer tinned snails are used, popped into old shells. (You can buy these for 6s. 6d. a tin.)

Chief check on snail-eating in London is the smallness of the butter ration.

The stronger sex?

HOW was it that 22-year-old Mrs. Isabel Anne Tewnion survived the 100 m.p.h. mountain blizzard at Courtour, Inverness-shire, while her four male companions—all fit, young men—died from exposure?

I put this question to a medical authority. Had the extra layer of fat on a woman's body something to do with it?

No. There is no medical evidence to prove that women are harder than men. It is a question of age, fitness and physique.

Mrs. Tewnion was the youngest member of this climbing party by two years and probably the fittest.

The legal view bears out medical opinions. By the Law of Property Act, 1925, it is enacted that "in all cases where two or more persons have died in circumstances rendering it uncertain which of them survived the others, such deaths shall be presumed to have occurred in order of seniority, and the younger shall be deemed to have survived the elder."

BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

Jack Frost's Winter Parade

—What a Sight It Was, With Snowflakes and All!

By MAX TRELL



"And then I heard something else," said Christopher.

white, too, the sound of those marching feet grew louder and nearer.

Road Empty

"I SUPPOSE," Christopher Cricket was saying, "I should have guessed who it was right away. But I didn't until it was all over. It was Jack Frost, the whole time. It was his parade. Would you like me to tell you just what happened?"

Knarf and Hanid, the shadow-children with the turned-about names—for it was to them that Christopher was talking—nodded and urged him to tell them the whole story.

"Did you say parade?" asked Knarf.

Clear and Cold

"Yes, parade—Jack Frost's parade," replied Christopher. "You see," he said, "it was late at night and I was about to go to sleep. It was clear and cold and the moon was shining like a big white ball. And there wasn't a single sound. I remember saying to myself that it was unusually quiet. And then all at once I heard a faint, faint, very far-off sound. It was like marching feet."

"Oh!" said Han

MEET THE TEAMS—Recreio Ladies



Recreio Ladies beat the Gremlins twice last season and the present Recreio team is quite confident of maintaining the Club's unbeaten record against the Gremlins in League matches when these two teams meet on Sunday afternoon at the Recreio ground.

The team has as big a following as the Gremlins, particularly in home matches, and Sunday's game should attract a record crowd. The Recreio girls are a much younger team than they were last season. Some of their stars of the last campaign are no longer playing, but their places have been taken by very enthusiastic youth and the team is a formidable one, particularly in attack.

As they line up, they are:

Elvie Tsok, skipper Doreen Ozorio and Ena Roza-Pereira; Francisca "Frisky" Ferreira, "Girlic" Danenberg, Sheila Silva and Connie Remedios; Stella Correa, Lily Danenberg, Mercia Silva, Rita Marques and Marcia Maher.—China Mail Photo.

Senior Soccer League Goes Into The Second Round This Week-end

By "SPIV"

The local Senior Soccer League moves into the second round this week-end with South China in the lead, closely followed by Army and Sing Tao.

Only four points behind South China and two points behind Army, Sing Tao, who have almost assured themselves of the Challenge Shield title, will be making an all-out effort to gain the "double"—an improbable though possible achievement.

Their return clash with South China this Sunday will either see them one step nearer their aim or completely out of the running. Last year South China ended up rather weakly and were forced into two replays with Kowloon Motor Bus before ultimately winning the title.

With a number of major upsets having already been produced in the first round games, and Army rearing to go into the thick of the fray, a very close finish should be seen in this season's league.

Still a further two points behind are Kitchee and the Kowloon Motor Bus, who still entertain hopes of being in the final count. A final spurt with a resolute unbroken string of victories may yet see the Busmen somewhere near a replay.

TOMORROW'S BEST

With Sing Tao fighting for survival in the League title race, the feature match between them and South China this Sunday at the Club ground should produce one of the most memorable games of this season.

Although each side will take the field with the credit of a win each, it will be Sing Tao who will go on to battle with the greater confidence.

Although they lost to the Caroline Hill players by 2-1 in their first League match earlier in the season, they completely outplayed their rivals in the Challenge Shield match in the second half, when they won by 2-0. They will also take the field with the reputation of being virtually this year's Shield Champions.

South China appeared to have a slight inferiority complex when opposed to the Tiger team, still in awe of the "veterans", and were too keyed up on the last occasion.

Although they will be without Chiu Chor-wing at right-half, they will be greatly strengthened tomorrow by the inclusion of their star left-winger, Mok Chun-wah, and, but for Chiu, will have the same team that defeated Sing Tao in the first match.

If only the South China youngsters will relax and play their usual game, I am of the opinion that they will leave the field the winners.

TOMORROW'S GAMES

1st Division
Kwong Wah v. Kitchee (Club, 4 p.m.).
St. Joseph's v. RAF Caroline Hill (4 p.m.).
Navy v. Club (Sookunpoo 4 p.m.).
2nd Division
Talcoo v. Kitchee (Club 2.30 p.m.).
St. Joseph's v. RAF (Caroline Hill 2.30 p.m.).
PCA v. Club (Sookunpoo 2.30 p.m.).

SUNDAY'S HOCKEY

The following are league hockey fixtures for Sunday, January 13:

FIRST DIVISION
HKHC "A" v. Thunderbolts on RN 1 at 11.00 a.m. Umpires: WO K G M. Smith, WO Lettice.
Police v. Argonauts "A" at Police Ground at 11.00 a.m. Umpires: Maj Vicary, A. Aziz Malik.
Recreio "A" v. R. Navy at Recreio at 1.30 p.m. Umpires: WO I Padell.
University v. RAF at Pokfulam at 1.30 p.m. Umpires: QMSI Day, G. T. Palmer.

SECOND DIVISION
Argonauts "B" v. Nau Javan on Police Ground at 9.30 a.m. Umpires: F. St. Andrew, C. Blackburn.
Dutch HC v. Argonauts "B" at Sookunpoo at 10.30 a.m. Umpires: Sgt Davies, F. St. Andrew.
YKCA v. Nomads at RN 2 at 10.30 a.m. Umpires: P. F. Xavier, A. M. Silva.

LADIES' LEAGUE
Gremlins "B" v. University at Police Ground at 2.30 p.m. Umpires: Nicky Raim, J. Baptista.
KGV "B" v. Little Flowers at KGV at 2.30 p.m. Umpires: J. B. Goncalves, A. Verry.

Recreio v. Gremlins "A" at Recreio at 2.30 p.m. Umpires: Z. A. Abbas, Krishna Lal.

Victorians v. KGV "A" Sookunpoo at 2.30 p.m. Umpires: R. Souza, WO I Nixon.

Umpires unable to attend, or teams unable to meet these fixtures are asked to contact Int. L. T. Chamberlain, Phone 2003, the Hon. Fixtures Secretary of the HKHA. Umpires are also requested to forward lists of the players of teams taking part and the results of the matches to the Fixtures Sec. c/o Royal Observer, Kowloon.

Israel Invited To Helsinki

Helsinki, Jan. 10.
The Olympic Organising Committee here today sent Israel a formal invitation to take part in the Games at Helsinki this summer.
Israel is the 70th country to be invited to the Games.
At a meeting of the International Olympic Committee in Vienna in May, it was decided to admit Israel to membership.
It was then stated that there were two different Olympic bodies in Israel and they were told to get together. By doing this Israel could be admitted formally and would be able to compete in the 1952 Helsinki Games. Reuter.

OLD WORLD'S CHALLENGE AT HELSINKI WILL BE IN THE DISTANCE EVENTS

By "RECORDER"

Europe's challenge to America at the Helsinki Olympic Games will be in the middle distance and distance running events and, though it is usual for Europe to provide the Champions at 5,000 and 10,000 Metres, the challenge is strong as well in the 800 and 1,500 Metres events.

Next to Zatopek's sensational 20,000 Metres run in under an hour, the most extraordinary performance of the European season was Vladimir Kazantsev's 3,000 Metres Steeplechase run in 8 minutes 49.8 seconds. To prove that there was nothing wrong with the figures, he repeated with an 8:51.2 effort. This was nearly 10 seconds better than the old unofficial world's best performance in the event.

The Russian challenge is strong in the distance runs, but not strong enough against athletes of the calibre of Emil Zatopek, Herbert Schade and Gaston Reiff.

Belgium's Reiff has achieved an extraordinary feat in these days of strong competition of making the First Ten list in all the runs from 1,500 to 40,000 Metres.

Germany's Schade and Sweden's Bertil Albertsson were the two other kings of the European distance running as Allan Mimoun of France and Martin Stokken of Norway had a slightly slower season than usual. The Europeans will not do too well in the sprints and hurdles at Helsinki, but in the middle distance and distance runs they should turn out their fastest fields in history.

The appended ranking lists take into consideration second and third best performances where there are ties on athletes' bests.

100 METRES
V. Sukharev (USSR) 10.3
A. Kolev (Bulgaria) 10.4
H. Fetterer (Germany) 10.4
J. Sanadze (USSR) 10.5
W. Zandl (Germany) 10.5
E. Kiska (Poland) 10.5
H. Gaister (Germany) 10.5
M. Kazantsev (USSR) 10.5
B. Moosov (USSR) 10.5
H. Clausen (Iceland) 10.4
L. Kalvayev (USSR) 10.5

200 METRES
(around a turn)
P. Kraus (Germany) 21.1
V. Sukharev (USSR) 21.2
J. C. M. Wilkinson (GB) 21.2
W. Zandl (Germany) 21.4
H. Wehrli (Switzerland) 21.5
N. D. Stacey (GB) 21.6
A. Kolev (Bulgaria) 21.6
K. F. Haas (Germany) 21.6
L. Kalyayev (USSR) 21.6
H. Haraldsson (Iceland) 21.6
F. Banham (Hungary) 21.6
H. Gaister (Germany) 21.6
H. Clausen (Iceland) 21.6
N. D. McWhirter (GB) 21.6

400 METRES
H. Gaister (Germany) 47.2
K. F. Haas (Germany) 47.3
D. C. Pugh (GB) 47.6
J. Degats (France) 47.7
R. Back (Finland) 47.7
J. Steger (Switzerland) 47.9
A. Siddi (Italy) 47.9
H. Wudtke (Germany) 47.9
E. Bally (France) 48.0
H. Huppertz (Germany) 48.0
P. Kraus (Germany) 48.0

800 METRES
U. Cleve (Germany) 1:50.0
H. Ulzheimer (Germany) 1:50.1
P. El Maorouk (France) 1:50.1
A. Boysen (Norway) 1:50.4
L. E. Wolfbrandt (Sweden) 1:50.9
H. J. Parlett (GB) 1:51.0
P. Cheykov (USSR) 1:51.0
S. Jungwirth (CSR) 1:51.0
O. Aberg (Sweden) 1:51.0
S. Lindgard (Sweden) 1:51.1
A. Ottenhalm (Yugoslavia) 1:51.3
R. Hagerman (Sweden) 1:51.3

1,500 METRES
S. Landqvist (Sweden) 3:44.8
O. Aberg (Sweden) 3:45.4
A. Ottenhalm (Yugoslavia) 3:47.0
T. Taipale (Finland) 3:47.8
P. El Maorouk (France) 3:48.2
R. G. Bannister (GB) 3:48.6
S. Jungwirth (CSR) 3:48.8
G. Reiff (Belgium) 3:49.0
A. Holmberg (Sweden) 3:49.2
W. Luc (Germany) 3:49.4
I. Eriksson (Sweden) 3:49.8

ONE MILE
R. G. Bannister (GB) 4:07.8
C. W. Nankeville (GB) 4:08.6
P. El Maorouk (France) 4:08.6
O. Aberg (Sweden) 4:08.8
A. Holmberg (Sweden) 4:09.1
L. J. Parlett (GB) 4:09.2
W. Sijkhuis (Holland) 4:09.4
L. Eyre (GB) 4:10.6
A. B. Parker (GB) 4:11.4

3,000 METRES
B. Albertsson (Sweden) 8:13.4
H. Schade (Germany) 8:15.9
T. Taipale (Finland) 8:16.0
V. Koskela (Finland) 8:16.2
H. Posti (Finland) 8:17.0
E. Zatopek (CSR) 8:17.6
V. Kazantsev (USSR) 8:18.4
G. Reiff (Belgium) 8:19.0
N. Popov (USSR) 8:19.2
Z. Ceral (Yugoslavia) 8:21.8
R. Lamers (Germany) 8:21.8

5,000 METRES
G. Reiff (Belgium) 14:10.8
E. Zatopek (CSR) 14:11.6
H. Schade (Germany) 14:15.4
B. Albertsson (Sweden) 14:20.8
N. Popov (USSR) 14:20.8
V. Koskela (Finland) 14:21.6
H. Posti (Finland) 14:22.6
A. Mimoun (France) 14:23.0
M. Stokken (Norway) 14:23.8
V. Kazantsev (USSR) 14:24.0

10,000 METRES
E. Zatopek (CSR) 29:39.9
H. Schade (Germany) 29:43.3
B. Albertsson (Sweden) 29:45.0
M. Stokken (Norway) 29:45.4
A. Mimoun (France) 29:47.4
V. Koskela (Finland) 29:49.0



South African Rugger Tourists Beat Newport

Newport, Jan. 10.

The South African Rugby Union touring team defeated Newport, their last Welsh opponents of the tour, without real difficulty by four tries (12 points) to one penalty goal and one try (six points) before a crowd of 31,000 spectators at Rodney Parade, Newport, today.

The South Africans led 6-0 at half-time. Once again it was a story of superior forward play, the pace at which they developed passing movements anywhere near their opponents' line, and the intelligence of their covering in defence, which earned the South Africans victory.

DELIGHT TO WATCH
At times, especially in the second half, the handling of the South Africans was a delight to watch, despite the fact that they had to overcome the hazards of a heavy ground and a high wind.

Newport seemed to have little answer to the short hand to hand attacks which H. Muller and his team frequently employed and, in fact, the Welsh club never rose to the occasion.

F. Morris, J. du Rand, P. Johnstone and R. Van Schoor scored four tries for the South Africans while H. J. Tovey obtained a try for Newport and Ben Edwards a penalty.—Reuter.

Pakistan Cricket Team To Tour South Africa

Johannesburg, Jan. 10.

The non-European Cricket Board of Control of South Africa has invited a Pakistan team to tour the Union at the end of the year. Mr. M. A. Varachia, Secretary of the Board of Control, who made the announcement today, added that the Board will meet in Johannesburg on January 27 to finalise details.

Mr. Varachia visited Pakistan last year to arrange the tour. It is proposed that the Pakistan team will play a series of Test matches against non-European sides in South Africa.—Reuter.

Soviets May Want To Go To Oslo

Moscow, Jan. 10.

Soviet Union athletes have finished two big winter sports competitions in brilliant style and there were indications today that Russia may seek to participate in the Winter Olympic Games at Oslo, February 14-25, despite the fact the entry deadline has passed.—Associated Press.

TODAY'S SPORT

BADMINTON

Men's "C" Division, Section 3: Crayke v. Cricket Club v. Talcoo at Crayke's. Club to meet in "B" v. Talcoo at Crayke's. Talcoo v. Crayke at Crayke's. Talcoo v. Crayke at Crayke's.

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m/v "OREGON"

are hereby notified that their cargo is being discharged into the Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co's godown where it will be at consignees' risk and subject to the Wharf's terms and condition of storage and where delivery may be obtained.

To comply with the General Bonded Warehouse Regulations, consignees must have a Revenue Officer in attendance when damaged dutiable goods are examined.

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All claims against the steamer must be presented to the Under-Secretary on or before the 20th January, 1952, or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected

DODWELL & CO., LTD.
Agents,
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No Fire Insurance will be effected

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NOT TRUE PICTURE OF SITUATION

Heidelberg, Jan. 10.
The United States military authorities in Germany tonight rejected allegations by the Bavarian Premier, Hans Chard, of bad relations between American troops and Germans in North Bavaria.

Dr Chard had earlier said that the number of incidents between troops and Germans had not decreased noticeably lately.

A statement issued by the United States European Command Headquarters, dealing with alleged incidents in the Bamberg area, said:

"Both the German chief of police and (the American) district resident officer in Bamberg agree that no such situation as Dr Chard has described exists in the Bamberg area. It is not known what the motive behind Dr Chard's statement is, or whether he has been given the true facts."

"But sufficient information is available here to show that his pronouncements do not convey the true picture of troop discipline in the Bamberg area."

Eden's Talks With Acheson

Washington, Jan. 10.
The British Foreign Secretary, Mr. Anthony Eden, and the Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, had a final interview today to discuss further details of questions raised in the Truman-Churchill discussions.

A communique said afterwards that the two men also discussed plans for further conferences.

It is understood these dealt chiefly with the forthcoming NATO conference at Lisbon and the negotiations on the Austrian treaty. — France-Press.

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PASSENGER/FREIGHT SERVICE

Outwards	Leaves London	Arrives Hongkong
"CANTON"	12th December	14th January
"CARTHAGE"	10th January	11th February
"CHUSAN"	22nd January	19th February
"CORFU"	7th February	10th March

Via Southampton, Port Said, Aden, Bombay, Colombo, Penang & Singapore.

Homewards

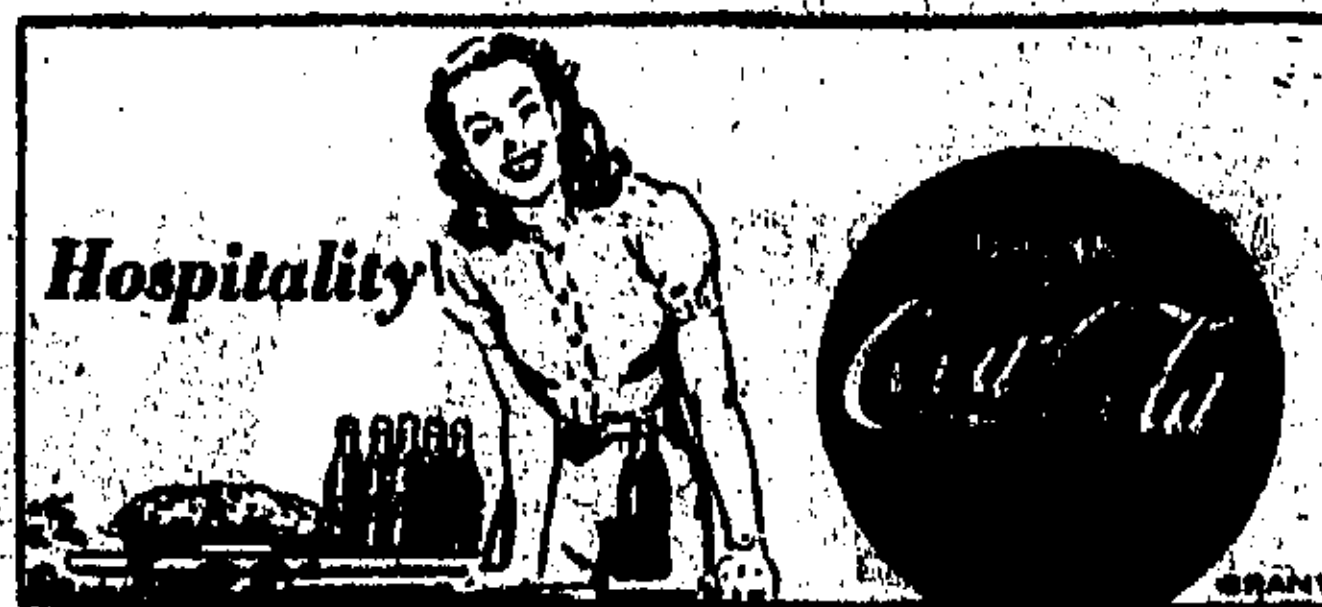
Leaves Hongkong	Due London
"CANTON"	18th January
"CARTHAGE"	18th February
"CHUSAN"	23rd February
"CORFU"	14th March

Accepting cargo for Singapore, Penang, Colombo, Bombay, Aden & London.

FREIGHT SERVICE

Outwards	Due Hongkong	From
"SOUDAN"	14th January	London & Continent
"SHILLONG"	11th February	—
Homewards	Leaves Hongkong	For
"SOMALI"	15th January	London & Continent

Accepting cargo for Singapore, Port Swettenham



BIDAULT FAILS

Paris Jan 10. Efforts to solve the government crisis suffered another setback today when M. Georges Bidault announced the failure to form a Cabinet.

The Progressive Catholic Republican officially tendered regrets to President Auriol in a 30-minute visit to Elysee Palace after a day of fruitless consultations with his own and other Party leaders.

M. Auriol is expected to summon M. Yvon Delbos or M. Edgar Faure, both Radical Socialists.

M. Bidault's failure was not entirely negative, however, for it was believed his consultations may have opened the door slightly to inter-Party compromise on devalued domestic issues which must be settled before the crisis can be resolved. In the customary press statement M. Bidault said he did not believe the technical and legislative problems involved could not be solved. United Press.

Fits Outboard Motor To Junk

A line of \$100 was imposed on Ip Leung-kee, licensee of junk 6088A, by Mr. T. B. Low at the Marine Court this morning for providing his craft with an outboard motor.

Defendant, who had a previous conviction for fitting a motor to his 94-pedal boat, was additionally fined \$150 for carrying three passengers in excess of the six he was permitted to carry.

Leung Wah-lai, master of the junk, was fined \$100 for being under way without a certificated coxswain and engineer. The junk was intercepted off Ngan Chau on Wednesday by a naval patrol under Lieutenant Berger. RN.

Harriman Predicts A European Continental Army

Washington, Jan. 10.

The Mutual Security Administrator, Mr. W. Averell Harriman, predicted in a radio interview tonight: "There is so much agreement now that we are going to get a European Continental Army."

"Real progress is being made in connection with the Continental Army, which is so important to strengthening of defenses, and in bringing Germany in on a basis which is acceptable to Germany and to the Allies," said Mr. Harriman.

ATTEMPT TO STEAL CABLE

A returned banished, Suen Kai, 24, was sentenced to 12 months' imprisonment by Mr. R.W.S. Winter at Kowloon this morning when he pleaded guilty to attempted larceny of electric wires, and possession of an instrument fit for an unlawful purpose.

At 7 p.m. on January 4, the tenant of 134 Fa Yuen Street, ground floor, seeing that the lighting in the house was faulty, went outside and found that the electric cable connected to his house had been cut. Going up to the roof, he found the defendant roving up a length of cable, and had him arrested. Defendant had a pair of pliers with him.

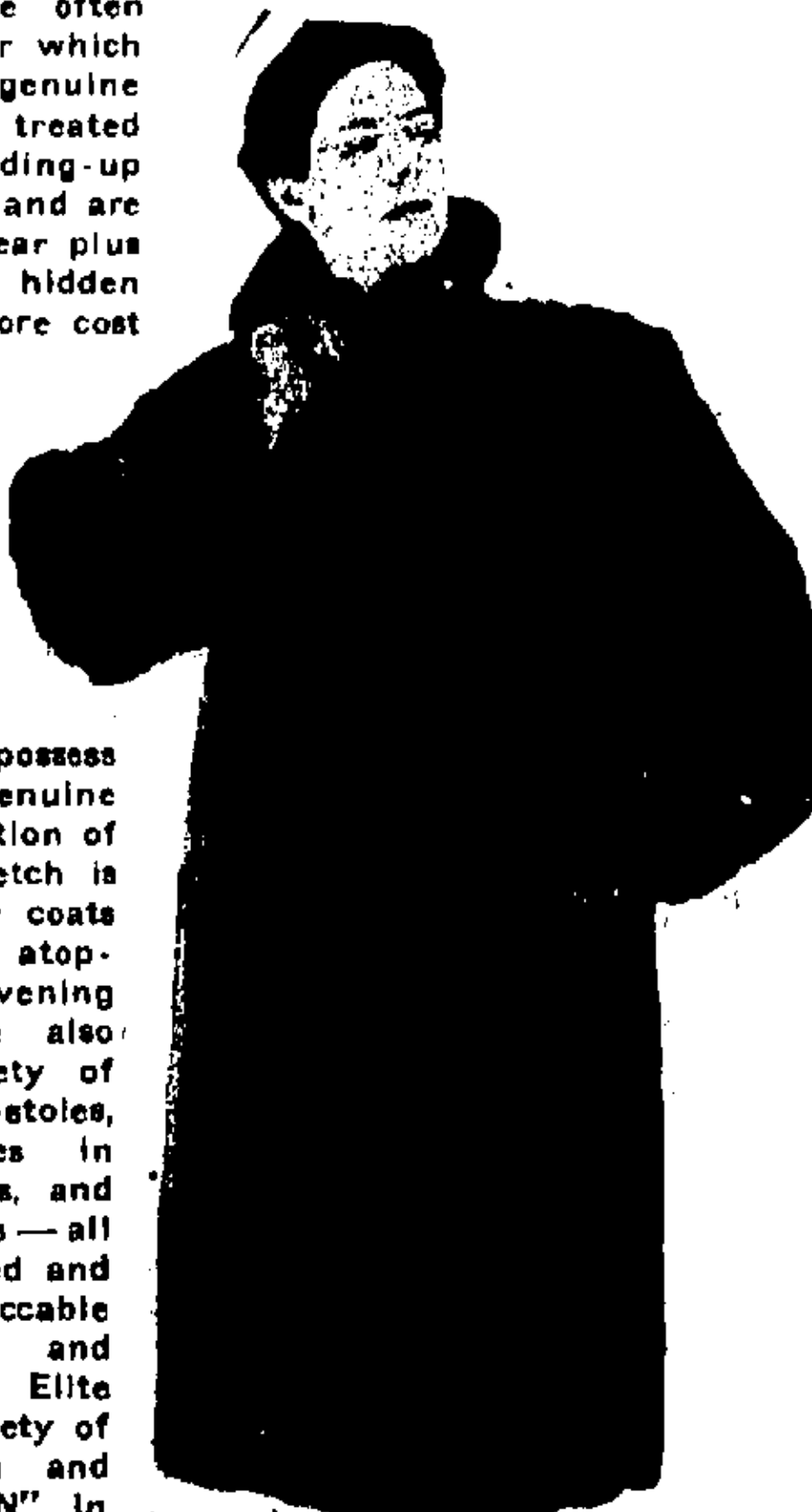
INTELLIGENCE TEST SOLUTION

The writers are "Tropics" and "Swimlane" "burn" is new "Palmers" "more apt".

London Express Service

WEAR HEALTHY FURS—

All fur belts cured in Canada and New York City are 100% safe for wear—they're 100% free from any harmful germs that may lurk in the hair as in the case of all primitively treated furs—such furs are often drooping in the hair which will soon loose. All genuine imported scientifically treated furs show "standing-up hair" with brilliance and are durable for rough wear plus 100% free from hidden germs. The little more cost you pay for such a fur-piece is not only "WORTH" but "GOOD" for your health. Mode Elite is showing "EXCLUSIVELY" 100% imported fur originals in rich minks, muskrat, and marmosets (both fur possess the feel and look of genuine mink but only a fraction of mink cost). The sketch is one of such rich fur coats "VERY IDEAL" for stopping your suits or evening gowns. Mode Elite also features a big variety of beautiful fur cape-stoles, jackets, wide stoles in white and blue foxes, and other imported furs—all 100% New York cured and tailored with impeccable perfection in style and workmanship. Mode Elite also shows a big variety of finest woolen coats and toppers "BEST SEEN" in town—some fur trimmed and zip-liners. ALL OFFERED AT 20% off. Come in—get yours today!



GEMS OF YOUR SHOE WARDROBE—

Fine polished real alligators and lizards made from perfectly matched, beautifully patterned reptile skins... detailed with unerring care... made on the finest fitting lasts by one of I. MILLER'S worldwide famous chain producers. All with matching purses of rare beauty. Also in rich suedes, calfskins, gold leathers. THE MOST BEAUTIFUL OPERA PUMPS EVER SEEN HERE—NOTED FOR COMFORT AND EVERLASTING SHAPE-HOLDING "NEVER" FOUND IN DOMESTIC OR CHEAP IMPORTED SHOES.

GEMS OF YOUR CORSET WARDROBE—

Exclusively shown by Mode Elite "PETERPAN" hidden treasure bras, "DIANA" and "FLEXEE" new creations in girdles adopted by the sophisticated New Yorkers, "LILY OF FRANCE" and "BIEN JOLIE"—their creations are good enough for real princesses and the most discerning for better groomed figures.

GEMS OF YOUR HOSIERY WARDROBE—

Exclusively shown by Mode Elite superb 100% pure nylon hosiery by "WILLY" whose de luxe creations are adopted by all the patrician sophisticated women in New York and Hollywood—some for cocktail wear with washable rhinestones decorated and some with special process that makes the hosiery stay on your leg perfectly even without using garter supports. With care they can stand four months' laundry without mending.

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SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"Now that I've retired I've finally got time to get what I've always wanted—a tailor-made business suit!"

Colony's Surplus Still Growing

Revenue for September last exceeded expenditure by \$3,436,129 and brought the general revenue balance as at September 30 to \$246,626,019, according to official figures published in today's Gazette.

This brings the accumulated revenue balance to within \$1,173,831 of the estimated total revenue for the current financial year.

Government Announces Appointments

The following appointments were notified in the Gazette:

Mr. G. A. R. Wright-North to act as an Assistant Commissioner of Police.

Dr. G. N. Shah to be a Woman Medical Officer, on probation.

Mr. J. Wilshaw to be an Assessor, Grade II.

Mr. J. T. Burdett resumed duty as Commissioner of Prisons.

Mr. E. R. Hill to be (Special) Senior Superintendent of Police in the Special Constabulary.

(Special) Assistant Superintendent G. B. Beer and (Special) Assistant Superintendent O. R. Sadick to be (Special) Superintendents in the Special Constabulary.

(Special) Insp. V. G. T. Davis to be (Special) Assistant Superintendent of Police in the Special Constabulary.

Squadron Leader S. T. F. Connolly to be a member of the Authorised Architects Consulting Committee vice Squadron Leader A. F. Peterson, resigned.

THE FLYING ENTERPRISE

(Continued from Page 1)

told that Captain Kurt Carlsen was safe.

Mrs. Carlsen, at their home here, was unable to talk further as she was overcome by tears.

Earlier Carlsen sent a message to her: "Longing to hear from you. I am okay. Love to the children. Kurt."

Pastor Kirkgaard Jensen, of St. Stephen's Danish Lutheran Church in neighbouring Perth Amboy, New Jersey, said that Mrs. Carlsen had received the message and had answered it.

He declined to divulge the contents of the message.

The pastor said that Mrs. Carlsen was very tired from her vigil. Newspapers with reports of the flying Enterprise had been kept from her.

Mrs. Carlsen received the first news of the rescue from Mr. Jensen. She has been ill the several days over the night of the rescue and Mr. Jensen said that she was not equal to making an interview at present.

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Truman Won't Stand In Eisenhower's Way For PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDACY

Washington, Jan. 10.

President Truman today said he would not stand in General Dwight Eisenhower's way if the Allied commander should win the Republican presidential nomination.

The President said that, until recently, he had thought that General Eisenhower was a Democrat. He said he was not sure the general was a Republican until this week, although he had begun to have doubts last August.

Mr. Truman said that if the general wanted to get out there and have mud and rotten eggs thrown at him, he could certainly do so. However, he told a news conference, he would not relieve General Eisenhower of his European command unless the general requested it. Apparently Mr. Truman would permit the general to come home any time Eisenhower wishes to do so.

There were other political developments which included: 1. Mr. Truman still did not divulge his own plans. He promised to reveal his intentions before the Republican convention begins on July 7.

2. The President said he had not changed in his feeling that the favourite Republican candidate is Senator Robert Taft, who first tossed his hat into the presidential race. Asked why he thought Taft would be the easiest candidate for the Democrats to beat, he said that if the reporter could not figure that out there was no use telling him.

3. Mr. Truman said the request that his name be kept out of the Minnesota preferential primary did not preclude any action on his part. It merely meant he was not ready to make an announcement at this time.

4. Governor Frederick Payne of Maine endorsed the Eisenhower nomination.

5. Taft and Harold Stassen squared off for the fight for Republican delegates in the presidential primaries of Illinois, Wisconsin and Ohio. Neither indicated whether he intended to enter the New Hampshire primary, where backers of Eisenhower are entering the general's name.

6. Mr. Truman called Mr. Stassen a wonderful man but declined to estimate his potential as a Republican candidate.

United Press.

Well-Founded Suspicions Watchman Foils Shop-Lifters

Two young women walking suspiciously along Queen Victoria Street on Wednesday afternoon attracted the attention of a district watchman. Following the women, one of whom was holding a large paper bag, he saw them turn into Des Voeux Road Central and enter the China Products Company shop.

After waiting outside, he saw the women come out again, whereupon he stopped and searched them. The paper bag held by one of the women was now found to contain 30 pairs of cotton socks, two pairs of leather gloves, 10 handkerchiefs, and a woolen sweater. Enquiries inside the shop revealed that the goods had been lifted from the counters.

The women, Lo Tsang, 17, and Lam King, 18, both unemployed, admitted the offence before Mr. Poon-Yan-hoi at Central this morning and were each sent to prison for two months. Second defendant pleaded guilty to a further charge of breach of a deportation order, and was given an additional one year.

United Press.

VICE-CONSULS RECOGNISED

The Governor has been pleased to recognise, provisionally and pending instructions from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, Miss Elsie A. Kierman as Vice-Consul for the United States of America at Hong Kong.

The King's Exchequer empowering Mr. Richard E. Johnson and Mr. John A. McKivier to act as Vice-Consul for the United States at Hong Kong have received His Majesty's signature.

United Press.

CHECK YOUR KNOWLEDGE

Answers

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